

DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY, AND PETITION

Being duly sworn, I, a below-named inventor, depose and say that: (1) my residence, citizenship, and mailing address is indicated below; (2) I have reviewed and understand the contents of attached specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to herein, (3) I believe that the other below-named inventors and I are the original, first, and joint inventors or discoverers of the invention or discovery of

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shown and claimed therein and for which a patent is sought; (4) this application is a continuation of earlier filed application, Serial No. 09/967,018 filed September 28, 2001, (5) I hereby acknowledge my duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to the patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56*; and (6) I hereby acknowledge my duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56* which occurred between the filing date of said earlier application and the filing date of this application.


No application for patent or inventor's certificate on said common or said non-common subject matter has been filed by us or our representatives or assigns in any country foreign to the United States of America.

I hereby appoint William D. Bauer (Reg. No. 28,052), Amelia Buharin (Reg. No. 38,835), Kelly P. Fitzgerald (Reg. No. 46,326), and Eric D. Levinson (Reg. No. 35,814) as my attorneys with full power (including the powers of appointment, substitution, and revocation) to prosecute this application and any continued prosecution application, division, continuation, continuation-in-part, reexamination, or reissue thereof, and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. Please address all correspondence in this case to:

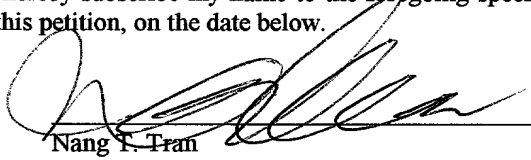
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The undersigned petitioner declares further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

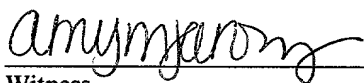
Wherefore, I pray for grant of Letters Patent for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the attached specification and I hereby subscribe my name to the foregoing specification and claims, declaration, power of attorney, and this petition, on the date below.



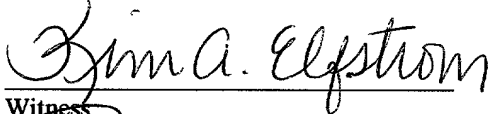
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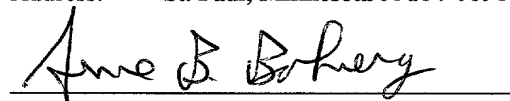
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